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C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 2215

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TAGS: MOPS, PFOR, PINS, AEMR, GC, AO

SUBJECT: OPERATION SHABA-POL SITUATION

DUBRULE/CZAMISH MET 1800 ZULU TODAY WITH BABIA AND STAFF TO
REVIEW THOROUGHLY POL SITUATION. DUBRULE GAVE FOLLOWING PICTURE
ON JP1:

1. KINSHASA STATUS- NORMAL CONSUMPTION BY ALL SECTORS IS 500
CU. METERS. PRIOR TO INCURSION, BECAUSE OF NORMAL POL SHORTAGES,
CONSUMPTION WAS RATIONED TO 350 CU. METERS. SECTOR PRIORITIES
WERE AS FOLLOWS: NORMAL ALLOCATION

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SECTOR	CONSUMPTION	PRIOR TO OPERATION SHABA
KINSHASA (COOKING FUEL)	150	130
AIR ZAIRE	150	105
FOREIGN FLAG CARRIERS	150	85
FAZA PLUS MISC.	50	35

ALL FIGURES IN CUBIC METERS

A. PROBLEMS:

- (1) ONLY 350 CU. METERS PER DAY AVAILABLE FOR ALL SECTORS UNTIL 27 MARCH. IF USE MORE, WILL RUN OUT PRIOR TO THAT DATE.
- (2) MOBIL NEW YORK ATTEMPTING TO LOCATE AND DIVERT TANKER TO MATADI SOONEST. HOWEVER, DUBRULE SEES LITTLE POSSIBILITY FOR IMPROVEMENT PRIOR TO 27 MARCH.
- (3) FAZA CONSUMPTION PLUS AIR ZAIRE AIRCRAFT FOR TROOP MOVEMENT ON 12 MARCH WAS 375 CU METERS. IF WE CONTINUE AT THIS RATE, WILL EXHAUST SUPPLIES PRIOR TO 27 MARCH.

B. SOLUTIONS:

- (1) DETERMINE FAZ DAILY REQUIREMENTS IN PRECISE MANNER.
 - (2) CHANGE PRIORITIES OF ALLOCATION AS FOLLOWS:
PRIORITY I FAZ
PRIORITY II KINSHASA - ALLOCATION AS ABOVE
PRIORITY III FOREIGN FLAG CARRIERS - ALLOCATION AS ABOVE SINCE SOURCE OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE
PRIORITY IV AIR ZAIRE - REDUCE OR ELIMINATE AIR ZAIRE COMMERCIAL INTERNAL FLIGHTS AS A FUNCTION OF FAZA REQUIREMENTS.
- C. DISCUSSION ENSUED WHEREBY IT WAS DETERMINED THAT FAZ REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE BASED ON SIX C130 ROUND TRIPS TO SHABA AREA DAILY PLUS BUFFALO AND LOCAL MIRAGE TRAINING OPERATIONS. BABIA POINTED OUT THAT THIS FIGURE IS A MAXIMUM OF 260 CU METERS PER DAY AND FAZA NEEDS CANNOT BE MET BY COMBINING CURRENT ALLOCATIONS OF FAZ AND AIR ZAIRE. BABIA AGREED HOWEVER WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR KINSHASA.

2. LUBUMBASHI STATUS - DUBRULE STATED STOCKS AT ZERO LEVEL EXCEPT FOR GECAMINES RESERVE WHICH IS UNKNOWN TO HIM.

A. PROBLEMS

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- (1) DUBRULE DISCUSSED ZAMBIA'S REFUSAL TO SHIP PRODUCT INTO SHABA WITHOUT PRIOR PAYMENT REPORTED SEPTTEL.
- (2) \$2 MILLION AUTHORIZED BY MOBUTU WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY 10 DAYS TO CLEAR BANKS.
- (3) ZAMBIAN RAILROAD FROM NDOLA/LUBUMBASHI SLOW TO THE EXTENT THAT GECAMINES DOES NOT USE ANY MORE. PREFERS TO SEND ITS OWN TRUCKS FOR RESUPPLY.

B. SOLUTIONS

- (1) DUBRULE TO GET TOGETHER WITH GOVERNOR SAMBWA OF CENTRAL BANK TO DETERMINE WHICH BANK SAMBWA USED TO TRANSFER \$2 MILLION AUTHORIZED BY MOBUTU. HE WILL THEN CONTACT CHIEF BANK OFFICIAL HERE IN KINSHASA TO EXPLAIN PROBLEM SO THAT LATTER COULD INFORM HIS COUNTERPART IN ZAMBIA.
- (2) GOZ MAKE DEMARCH TO GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA FOR PRIORITY USE OF RAILROAD.
- (3) IN COMBINATION WITH RAIL DELIVERY, EMPLOY GECAMINES TRUCKS.
- (4) DUBRULE PREPARED TO GO LUBUMBASHI, NDOLA, AND LUSAKA WITH GOZ REPS TO ARRANGE DETAILS. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE DISTRIBUTION PROBLEM IS OF MORE IMPORT THAN MONEY PROBLEM. CZAMISH POINTED

OUT THAT HE WOULD PREFER THAT GOZ PROVIDE CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT FOR DUBRULE TRIP RATHER THAN A MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND SUGGESTED USE OF AIR ZAIRE MYSTJRE 20. FAZA REP STATED THAT MYSTERE CURRENTLY IN FRANCE FOR PERIODIC INSPECTION. BABIS SAID HE WOULD SEND REQUEST TO GECAMINES TO HAVE THEIR PLANE COME TO KINSHASA TOMORROW TO BE USED FOR DUBRULE MISSION 14 MARCH.

3. DUBRULE MUSED THAT HE COULD EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF REFUELING C130 AIRCRAFT AT NDOLA, THUS RELIEVING PRESSURE KINSHASA. BABIA STATED THAT HE WOULD RECOMMEND TO MOBUTU TO INSTRUCT GOZ AMBASSADOR LUSAKA TO AKE DEMARCH IMMEDIATELY. MEETING TERMINATED BY BABIA REVIEWING ENTIRE POL SITUATION TAKING NOTES AS HE WENT

ALONG SO THAT HE FULLY COMPREHENDED ALL DETAILS. BABIA THEN STATED HE CONCURRED IN RECOMMENDED SOLUTIONS AND IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MEETING HE WOULD CONTACT PRESIDENT FOR DECISION AND KEEP CZAMISH INFORMED OF RESULTS.
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4. APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR LATER, COL BOPEYA, DEPUTY TO BABIA, INFORMED CZAMISH THAT MOBUTU APPROVED PLAN.
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